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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, September 30, 2012:

Section 1-B: **will be closed.**

District 6: **will be closed.**

District 8: **will be closed.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 3**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point to Sentinel Point;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 2**, in the waters of Lynn Canal and Chilkoot Inlet with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of a line from Tanini Point to Taiya Point.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., **Sunday, September 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 2.**

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department is discontinuing the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the

processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S9312.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 39 (September 23 through 29) Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 27, 2012								
NUMBER OF SALMON							Days	
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
Section 1-B	0	0	3,000	0	1,000	4,000	8	4
District 6	5	0	3,000	0	300	3,305	30	2
District 8	0	0	500	0	10	510	10	2
District 11	0	0	750	0	30	780	8	3
District 15	0	20	5,000	0	8,000	13,020	30	2
Total	5	20	12,250	0	9,340	21,615		
FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD								
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	0	0	375	0	125	500		
District 6	0	0	100	0	10	110		
District 8	0	0	50	0	1	51		
District 11	0	0	94	0	4	98		
District 15	0	1	167	0	267	434		

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